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that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) Hashimoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,776,672, issued July 7, 1998;
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 5-199898 (KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA), published August 10, 1993;
- (3) Konrad, U.S. Patent No. 5,789,167, issued August 4, 1998;
- (4) "Highly efficient optical detection of surface fluorescence", Applied Optics, Vol. 38, No. 4, February 1999, pgs. 724-732; and

The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (5) Ramsey, U.S. Patent No. 5,858,195, issued January 12, 1999.

Document (1) is a U.S. counterpart of Document (2).

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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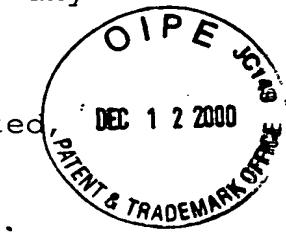
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